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For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR IN VIVO AND IN VITRO ATTENUATION OF  
GENE EXPRESSION USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA

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Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/493,301, filed January 29, 2000. Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please enter the following amendments:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph.

Figure 13 shows the effect of GFP double-stranded RNA injection on transient expression of GFP in rat cell culture.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 36, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph.

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